

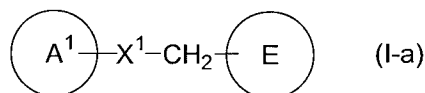
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A compound represented by the formula (I-a), or a salt or a hydrate thereof:



[wherein ~~wherein~~ A¹ represents a 3-pyridyl group, a pyrazinyl group, a pyrimidinyl group, a pyrazolyl group, a quinolyl group, an isoquinolyl group, a naphthyldinyl group, a quinoxaliny group, a cinnoliny group, a quinazoliny group, an imidazopyridyl group, a benzothiazolyl group, a benzoxazolyl group, a benzimidazolyl group, an indolyl group, a pyrrolopyridyl group, a thienopyridyl group, a furopyridyl group, a 2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-yl group or a benzothiadiazolyl group;

X¹ represents a group represented by the formula ~~NH-C(=Y¹)~~ or a group represented by the formula -C(=Y¹)-NH-, wherein Y¹ represents an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom;

Y¹ represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or NR^{Y1} (wherein R^{Y1} represents a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group or a cyano group);

E represents a ~~furyl group, a thienyl group, a pyrrolyl group, a pyridyl group, a tetrazolyl group, a thiazolyl group, a pyrazolyl group or a phenyl group;~~

with the proviso that A¹ ~~may contain~~ optionally has 1 to 3 substituents selected from the following substituent groups a-1 and a-2 ~~as defined above~~, and that E has 1 or 2 substituents selected from the substituent groups a-1 and a-2; ~~defined above~~

<substituent group a-1>

substituent group a-1 represents the group consisting of: a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a mercapto group, a cyano group, a carboxyl group, an amino group, a carbamoyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkynyl group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkylidene C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyloxy group, a C₂₋₆ alkynyloxy group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkoxy group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, a C₂₋₆ alkenylthio group, a C₂₋₆ alkynylthio group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkylthio group, a C₆₋₁₀ arylthio group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, a mono-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a mono-C₂₋₆ alkenylamino group, a mono-C₂₋₆ alkynylamino group, a mono-C₃₋₈ cycloalkylamino group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ arylamino group, a mono-C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a mono-5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a di-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-C₂₋₆ alkenyl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-C₂₋₆ alkynyl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-C₆₋₁₀ aryl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl

C₁₋₆ alkyl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkyl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkyl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy carbonyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group, a group represented by the formula -C(=N-R^{a1})R^{a2} (wherein R^{a1} represents a hydroxyl group or a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group; R^{a2} represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group), a C₆₋₁₀ aryloxy C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a 5- to 10-membered heterocycle oxy C₁₋₆ alkyl group;

<substituent group a-2>

substituent group a-2 represents the group consisting of: a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkynyl group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyloxy group, a C₂₋₆ alkynyloxy group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkoxy group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, a C₂₋₆ alkenylthio group, a C₂₋₆ alkynylthio group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkylthio group, a C₆₋₁₀ arylthio group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, a mono-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a mono-C₂₋₆ alkenylamino group, a mono-C₂₋₆ alkynylamino group, a mono-C₃₋₈ cycloalkylamino group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ arylamino group, a mono-C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a mono-5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a di-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-C₂₋₆ alkenyl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-C₂₋₆ alkynyl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-C₆₋₁₀ aryl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkyl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆

alkyl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkyl-N-C₁₋₆

alkylamino group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryloxy-C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a 5- to 10-membered heterocycle oxy C₁₋₆

alkyl group;

with the proviso that each group described in the substituent group a-2 has 1 to 3

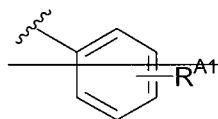
substituents selected from the following substituent group b;

<substituent group b>

substituent group b represents the group consisting of: a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a mercapto group, a cyano group, a carboxyl group, an amino group, a carbamoyl group, a nitro group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryloxy group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocycle oxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy carbonyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group, a trifluoromethyl group, a trifluoromethoxy group, a mono-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a di-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ arylamino group which optionally has one amino group or aminosulfonyl group and a N-C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkyl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group which optionally has one amino group;

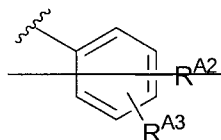
~~{with the~~ with the proviso that the following is excluded:

~~(1) a compound in which E represents a group represented by the formula:~~



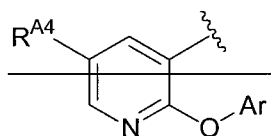
~~(wherein R^{A1} represents a phenyl group having a halogen atom, a methoxy group, an ethoxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy carbonyl group or a carboxyl group);~~

(2) a compound in which E represents a group represented by the formula:



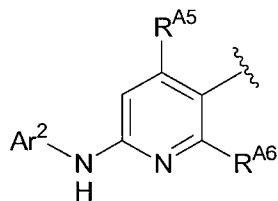
(wherein R^{A2} represents a halogen atom or a methoxy group; R^{A3} represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group having a carboxyl group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group having a carboxyl group or a phenyl group having a carboxyl group);

(3) a compound in which A¹ represents a group represented by the formula:



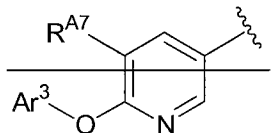
(wherein R^{A4} represents a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom; Ar represents a phenyl group which may have a substituent) and X¹ represents a group represented by the formula—C(=O)-NH—,

(4) a compound in which A¹ represents a group represented by the formula:



(~~wherein~~ wherein R^{A5} represents a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group or a trifluoromethyl group; R^{A6} represents a hydrogen atom or a trifluoromethyl group; Ar² represents a phenyl group which ~~may have a substituent~~ optionally has a substituent; and X¹ represents a group represented by the formula -C(=O)-NH-, and

(5) a compound in which A^1 represents a group represented by the formula:



(wherein R^{A7} represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group; Ar^3 represents a phenyl group which may have a substituent) and X^1 represents a group represented by the formula $C(=O)NH$ or a group represented by the formula $NH-C(=O)-$ are excluded]

4. **(Currently Amended)** The compound according to Claim 3, or the salt or the hydrate thereof, wherein A^1 represents a 3-pyridyl group, a quinolyl group, a naphthyldinyl group, a quinoxaliny group, an imidazopyridyl group, a benzothiazolyl group, a pyrrolopyridyl group, a thienopyridyl group or a furopyridyl group, with [(with)] the proviso that A^1 may have optionally has 1 to 3 substituents selected from the substituent groups group a-1 and a-2 defined above). above.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The compound according to Claim 3, or the salt or the hydrate thereof, wherein A^1 represents a 3-pyridyl group, with [(with)] the proviso that A^1 may have optionally has 1 to 3 substituents selected from the following substituent groups c-1 and e-2); c-2;

<Substituent group e-1> <substituent group c-1>

Substituent substituent group c-1 represents the group consisting of: a halogen atom, an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkynyl group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl

group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyloxy group, a C₂₋₆ alkynyloxy group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a mono-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a mono-C₂₋₆ alkenylamino group, a mono-C₂₋₆ alkynylamino group, a mono-C₃₋₈ cycloalkylamino group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ arylamino group, a mono-C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a mono-5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group and a group represented by the formula -C(=N-OH)R^{a2}, wherein ~~(wherein~~ R^{a2} has the same meaning as defined ~~above~~); above;

~~<Substituent group c-2>~~ <substituent group c-2>

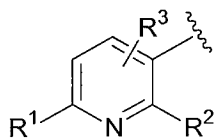
~~Substituent~~ substituent group c-2 represents the group consisting of: a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkynyl group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyloxy group, a C₂₋₆ alkynyloxy group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a mono-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a mono-C₂₋₆ alkenylamino group, a mono-C₂₋₆ alkynylamino group, a mono-C₃₋₈ cycloalkylamino group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ arylamino group, a mono-C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkylamino group and a mono-5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkylamino group;

with the proviso that each group described in substituent group c-2 has 1 to 3 substituents selected from the following substituent group d;

~~<Substituent group d>~~ <substituent group d>

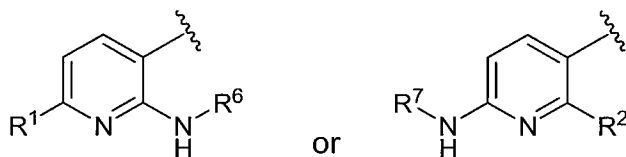
~~Substituent~~ substituent group d represents the group consisting of: a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a carboxyl group, an amino group, a carbamoyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a mono-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a di-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ arylamino group that ~~may have~~ optionally having one amino group or aminosulfonyl group, a N-C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkyl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group ~~which may have~~ optionally having one amino group, a cyano group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyl group.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The compound according to ~~Claim 3,~~ Claim 5, or the salt ~~or the hydrate~~ thereof, wherein A¹ represents a group represented by the formula:



~~[wherein wherein~~ wherein R¹, R² and R³ ~~may be~~ are the same as or different from each other and represent a substituent selected from the substituent groups c-1 and c-2 defined ~~above].~~ above.

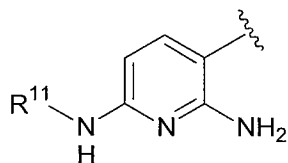
7. **(Currently Amended)** The compound according to ~~Claim 3,~~ Claim 5, or the salt ~~or the hydrate~~ thereof, wherein A¹ represents a group represented by the formula:



~~[wherein wherein~~ R^1 and R^2 have the same meanings as defined above, respectively; ~~are~~
the same as or different from each other and represent a substituent selected from the substituent
groups c-1 and c-2 defined above; and

R^6 and R^7 ~~may be~~ are the same or different from each other and represent a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group or a group represented by the formula $-CHR^8-(CH_2)_{n1}-R^9$, wherein ~~(wherein~~ R^8 represents a hydrogen atom, a carboxyl group or a C_{1-6} alkoxy carbonyl group; R^9 represents a hydroxyl group, a carboxyl group, a carbamoyl group, a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group, a furyl group, a thienyl group, a pyrrolyl group, a pyridyl group, a triazolyl group, a tetrahydrofuryl group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy carbonyl group, a mono- C_{1-6} alkylamino group, a di- C_{1-6} alkylamino group, a phenyl group ~~which may have~~ optionally having 1 to 3 substituents selected from the substituent group d defined above, a mono- C_{6-10} arylamino group ~~which may have~~ optionally having one amino group or an N- C_{6-10} aryl C_{1-6} alkyl-N- C_{1-6} alkylamino group ~~which may have~~ optionally having one amino group; $n1$ represents an integer from ~~0 to 3~~) 0 to 3.

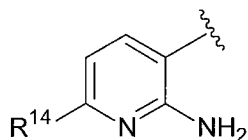
8. **(Currently Amended)** The compound according to Claim 3, or the salt ~~or the hydrate~~ thereof, wherein A^1 represents a group represented by the formula:



~~(wherein wherein~~ R^{11} represents a hydrogen atom or a group represented by the formula $-CHR^{12}-(CH_2)_{n2}-R^{13}$, wherein ~~(wherein~~ R^{12} represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl group; R^{13}

represents a carboxyl group or a phenyl group which may have optionally having 1 to 3 substituents selected from the substituent group d defined above; and n2 represents an integer from ~~0 to 3~~ 0 to 3.

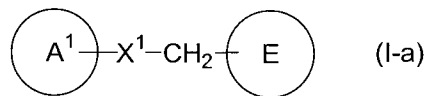
9. **(Currently Amended)** The compound according to Claim 3, or the salt ~~or the hydrate~~ thereof, wherein A¹ represents a group represented by the formula:



~~(wherein~~ wherein R¹⁴ represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group having one C₁₋₆ alkoxy ~~group~~ group.

10-17. **(Canceled)**

18. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The compound according to Claim 3, or the salt or the hydrate thereof,~~ A compound represented by the formula (I-a), or a salt thereof:



wherein A¹ represents a 3-pyridyl ~~group, a pyrazinyl group, a pyrimidinyl group, a quinolyl group, an isoquinolyl group, a naphthyldinyl group, a quinoxalinyl group, a cinnolinyl group, a quinazolinyl group, an imidazopyridyl group, a benzothiazolyl group, a benzoxazolyl group, a benzimidazolyl group, an indolyl group, a pyrrolopyridyl group, a thienopyridyl group, a furopyridyl group, a 2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-yl group or a benzothiadiazolyl~~

group, wherein ~~(with the proviso that A¹ may have optionally has~~ 1 to 3 substituents selected from the following substituent groups c'-1 and e'-2); c'-2;

~~<Substituent group c'-1>~~ <substituent group c'-1>

~~Substituent~~ substituent group c'-1 represents the group consisting of: an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a mono-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group; and

~~<Substituent group c'-2>~~ <substituent group c'-2>

~~Substituent~~ substituent group c'-2 represents the group consisting of: a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a mono-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group;

with the proviso that each group described in substituent group c'-2 has 1 to 3 substituents selected from the following substituent group d';

~~<Substituent group d'>~~ <substituent group d'>

~~Substituent~~ substituent group d' represents the group consisting of: a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a cyano group, a carboxyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group;

X¹ represents a group represented by the formula -C(=Y¹)-NH-;

Y¹ represents an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom;

wherein E represents a thienyl group, wherein E has 1 or 2 substituents selected from the following substituent groups e-1 and e-2;

<substituent group e-1>

substituent group e-1 represents the group consisting of: a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkynyl group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkylidene C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyloxy group, a

C₂₋₆ alkynyloxy group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryloxy group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₆₋₁₀ arylthio group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ arylamino group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-C₆₋₁₀ aryl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkyl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryloxy C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a 5- to 10-membered heterocycle oxy C₁₋₆ alkyl group;

<substituent group e-2>

substituent group e-2 represents the group consisting of: a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkynyl group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyloxy group, a C₂₋₆ alkynyloxy group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryloxy group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, 5- to 10-membered heterocycle-C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₆₋₁₀ arylthio group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ arylamino group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-C₆₋₁₀ aryl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a N-C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkyl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryloxy C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a 5- to 10-membered heterocycle oxy C₁₋₆ alkyl group;

with the proviso that each group described in substituent group e-2 has 1 to 3 substituents selected from the following substituent group f;

<substituent group f>

substituent group f represents the group consisting of: a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a cyano group, an amino group, a nitro group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryloxy group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocycle oxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group, a C₁₋₆

alkoxycarbonyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ arylamino group, a trifluoromethyl group, a trifluoromethoxy group and a C₁₋₆ alkyl group.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The compound according to ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 18, or the salt or the hydrate thereof, wherein X¹ represents a group represented by the formula -C(=O)-NH-

21-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) The compound according to ~~Claim 3~~, Claim 18, or the salt or the hydrate thereof, wherein E represents ~~a furyl group, a thienyl group, a pyrrolyl group, a phenyl group or a pyridyl group, wherein (with the proviso that E has one substituent selected from the following substituent groups g-1 and g-2); g-2;~~

~~<Substituent group g-1>~~ <substituent group g-1>

~~Substituent~~ substituent group g-1 represents the group consisting of: a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a phenyl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a furyl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a thienyl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a benzofuryl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a benzothienyl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a phenoxy group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a phenyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a furyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a thienyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a pyridyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a phenoxy C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a pyridyloxy C₁₋₆ alkyl group;

~~<Substituent group g-2>~~ <substituent group g-2>

~~Substituent~~ substituent group g-2 represents the group consisting of: a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a phenyl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a furyl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a thienyl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a benzofuryl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a benzothienyl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a phenoxy group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a phenyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a furyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a thienyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a pyridyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a phenoxy C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a pyridyloxy C₁₋₆ alkyl group;

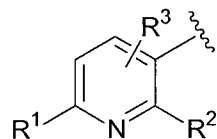
with the proviso that each group described in substituent group g-2 has 1 to 3 substituents selected from the following substituent group h;

~~<Substituent group h>~~ <substituent group h>

~~Substituent~~ substituent group h represents the group consisting of: a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a cyano group and a C₁₋₆ alkyl group.

24. **(Currently Amended)** The compound according to ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 23, or the salt or the hydrate thereof, wherein E represents ~~a 2-furyl group, a 2-thienyl group, a 3-pyrrolyl group, a phenyl group, a 2-pyridyl group or 3-pyridyl group, wherein~~ (with the proviso that E has one substituent selected from the substituent groups g-1 and g-2 defined ~~above~~): above.

25. **(Currently Amended)** The compound according to ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 23, or the salt or the hydrate thereof, wherein X¹ represents a group represented by the formula -C(=O)-NH-, and A¹ represents a group represented by the formula:



(~~wherein~~ wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 have the same meanings as defined above, respectively),
are the same as or different from each other and represent a substituent selected from the
following substituent groups c-1 and c-2;

<substituent group c-1>

substituent group c-1 represents the group consisting of: a halogen atom, an amino group,
a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{2-6} alkenyl group, a C_{2-6} alkynyl group, a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group, a C_{6-10} aryl
group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic group, a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{6-10} aryl
 C_{1-6} alkyl group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, a C_{2-6}
alkenyloxy group, a C_{2-6} alkynyloxy group, a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl C_{1-6} alkoxy group, a C_{6-10} aryl C_{1-6}
alkoxy group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C_{1-6} alkoxy group, a mono- C_{1-6} alkylamino
group, a mono- C_{2-6} alkenylamino group, a mono- C_{2-6} alkynylamino group, a mono- C_{3-8}
cycloalkylamino group, a mono- C_{6-10} arylamino group, a mono- C_{3-8} cycloalkyl C_{1-6} alkylamino
group, a mono- C_{6-10} aryl C_{1-6} alkylamino group, a mono-5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C_{1-6}
alkylamino group, a C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl group and a group represented by the formula $-C(=N-$
 $OH)R^{a2}$ (wherein R^{a2} has the same meaning as defined above);

<substituent group c-2>

substituent group c-2 represents the group consisting of: a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{2-6} alkenyl
group, a C_{2-6} alkynyl group, a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group, a C_{6-10} aryl group, a 5- to 10-membered
heterocyclic group, a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{6-10} aryl C_{1-6} alkyl group, a 5- to 10-

membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyloxy group, a C₂₋₆ alkynyloxy group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a mono-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a mono-C₂₋₆ alkenylamino group, a mono-C₂₋₆ alkynylamino group, a mono-C₃₋₈ cycloalkylamino group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ arylamino group, a mono-C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkylamino group and a mono-5- to 10-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkylamino group;

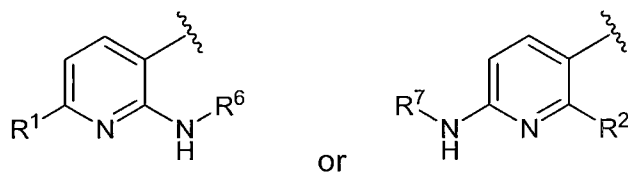
with the proviso that each group described in substituent group c-2 has 1 to 3 substituents selected from the following substituent group d;

<substituent group d>

substituent group d represents the group consisting of: a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a carboxyl group, an amino group, a carbamoyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a mono-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a di-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, a mono-C₆₋₁₀ arylamino group that optionally has one amino group or aminosulfonyl group, a N-C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkyl-N-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group which optionally has one amino group, a cyano group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, and

E represents a 2-furyl group, a 2-thienyl group, a 3-pyrrolyl group, a phenyl group, a 2-pyridyl group or a 3-pyridyl group, wherein (with the proviso that E has one substituent selected from the substituent group g-1 or g-2 defined above). ~~above.~~

26. **(Currently Amended)** The compound according to Claim 25, or the salt ~~or the~~ hydrate thereof, wherein A¹ represents a group represented by the formula:



(wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^6 and R^7 have the same meanings as defined above, respectively).

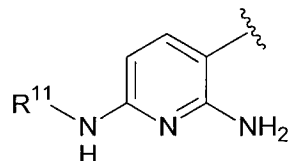
wherein R^1 and R^2 have the same meanings as defined above; and

R^6 and R^7 are the same or different from each other and represent a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group or a group represented by the formula $-CHR^8-(CH_2)_{n1}-R^9$, wherein R^8 represents a hydrogen atom, a carboxyl group or a C_{1-6} alkoxy carbonyl group; R^9 represents a hydroxyl group, a carboxyl group, a carbamoyl group, a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group, a furyl group, a thienyl group, a pyrrolyl group, a pyridyl group, a triazolyl group, a tetrahydrofuryl group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy carbonyl group, a mono- C_{1-6} alkylamino group, a di- C_{1-6} alkylamino group, a phenyl group which optionally has 1 to 3 substituents selected from the following substituent group d defined, a mono- C_{6-10} arylamino group which optionally has one amino group or an N- C_{6-10} aryl C_{1-6} alkyl-N- C_{1-6} alkylamino group which optionally has one amino group; and $n1$ represents an integer from 0 to 3;

<substituent group d>

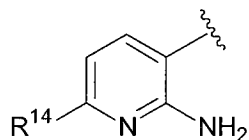
substituent group d represents the group consisting of: a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a carboxyl group, an amino group, a carbamoyl group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, a mono- C_{1-6} alkylamino group, a di- C_{1-6} alkylamino group, a mono- C_{6-10} arylamino group that optionally having one amino group or aminosulfonyl group, a N- C_{6-10} aryl C_{1-6} alkyl-N- C_{1-6} alkylamino group optionally having one amino group, a cyano group, a C_{6-10} aryl group, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic group and a C_{1-6} alkoxy carbonyl group.

27. **(Currently Amended)** The compound according to ~~Claim 25~~, Claim 26, or the salt or the hydrate thereof, wherein A¹ represents a group represented by the formula:



(wherein ~~R¹¹~~ has the same meaning as defined above). wherein R¹¹ represents a hydrogen atom or a group represented by the formula -CHR¹²-(CH₂)_{n2}-R¹³, wherein R¹² represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl group; R¹³ represents a carboxyl group or a phenyl group which optionally has 1 to 3 substituents selected from the substituent group d defined above; and n2 represents an integer from 0 to 3.

28. **(Currently Amended)** The compound according to Claim 25, or the salt or the hydrate thereof, wherein A¹ represents a group represented by the formula:



(wherein ~~R¹⁴~~ has the same meaning as defined above). R¹⁴ represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group having one C₁₋₆ alkoxy group.

29-35. **(Canceled)**

36. **(Currently Amended)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound according to Claim 3, or the salt ~~or the hydrate~~ thereof; and
a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

37. **(Canceled)**

38. **(Withdrawn - Currently Amended)** A method for prevention or treatment of fungal infection comprising administering a pharmacologically effective amount of the compound according to Claim 3, or the salt ~~or the hydrate~~ thereof.

39-40. **(Canceled)**

41. **(New)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound according to Claim 18, or the salt thereof; and
a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.